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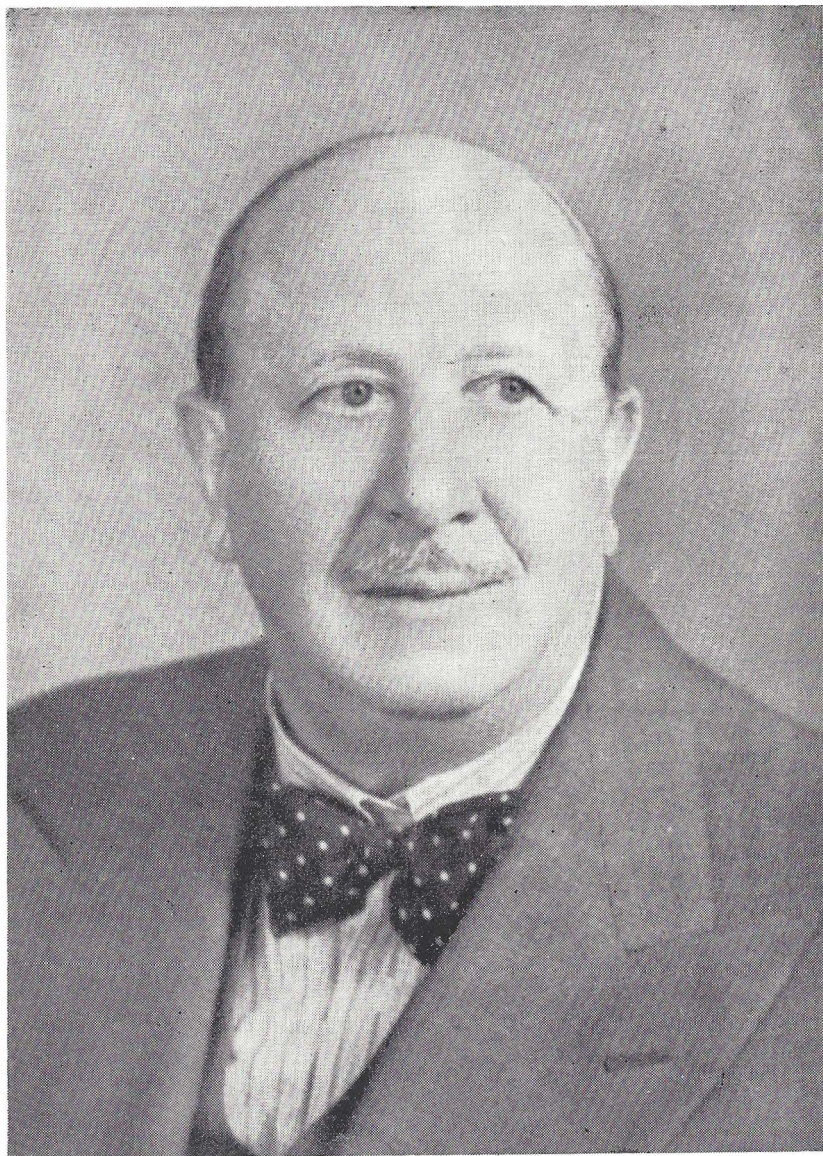
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## *Foreword . . .*

I think I can claim to be the oldest playing member of the Bulawayo Golf Club. I joined the Club in the early part of 1910 — 45 years back.

My first introduction to Golf was at Mafeking, when a friend sold me a bag of clubs consisting of a driver, loftier, iron, niblick mashie and putter for the sum of 30/-; this included about a dozen gutty balls. I have always been a keen player, and have watched very closely the various events up to the present day.

I was Honorary Secretary to the Salisbury Golf Club from 1920 to 1922. During my period of office in Salisbury, the well-known Lawrie Walters, Golf Professional and Course Architect was engaged, when I was in contact with the demolition of the old course and the reconstruction of the new one.

With the exception of my absence during World War I and two periods in Salisbury, I can say that I have rarely missed a general meeting of the Bulawayo Golf Club. The Club has been through some troublesome times, but with the increased membership, they have had more finances available and are making good progress. I have always been willing to render any services to the Club, and at one time carried on as Honorary Secretary during his absence on leave.

Over a number of years, I have come in contact with many golfers. You may be quite indifferent to a member until you have had a game with him. You can learn more about a man on a round of golf than your next door neighbour of many years standing.

My interests are now principally with the Senior Golfers' Society, also the Junior Championships.

I trust you will find my reminiscences of interest.

RICHARD DAVIS

## History of the Bulawayo Golf Club

The game of golf was born in Bulawayo in November, 1894, thirteen months after the occupation of Matabeleland by British forces. Other games of sport had sprung up, and the new settlers had quite a deal of time on their hands. The first intimation of golf was a letter in the Bulawayo Chronicle, dated December 4th, 1894, enquiring if there was anyone interested in the formation of a Golf Club. This letter was signed by R. S. Egerton, who evidently met with some success, as a meeting was subsequently called and a club formed, Egerton being elected Captain.

There must have been a considerable amount of work to do, to choose a suitable site and lay out a course. Clubs had to be obtained as well as golf balls. These difficulties seem to have been overcome on January 1895, when a site had been selected in the fertile valley of the River Matjeumshlope, when a committee was instructed to draw up rules and regulations and arrange for the first match. This took place in July, 1895, and the following members took part in this historic game. F. G. Shaw, H. A. Piper, G. Mitchell, W. B. Wright, R. A. Siebert, P. V. Weir, H. Lamb, A. Thain, D. Sneddon and R. S. Egerton. The result of this match is not recorded. Neither is there any record of any matches for another year. In those days the river came down in torrents, the valleys were flooded and remained a swamp for many months, and the grass grew over six feet high. The Matjeumshlope River ran all the year round. It is possible that a few friendly matches were played, but the rains starting in September, going on until March, left the course like a Canadian prairie. The grass had to be cut when the rains ceased, and the greens re-made.

It was not until August, 1896, that a further meeting was held at the Charter Hotel. This was situated at the corner of Main Street and Eighth Avenue, north-east of Rhodes Statue.

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A new lot of people seemed to be now interested and Egerton appeared to be absent. In fact we hear no more of him, so he had probably left. At this meeting the following gentlemen were present: J. E. Scott (Chairman), P. G. Smith, W. H. Perkins, B. K. Ward, H. B. Douslin, A. G. Hay, C. R. Tomkins, W. B. Wright, P. V. Weir and F. C. Knapp. It was resolved that a golf club be formed and called "The Bulawayo Golf Club."

The Secretary was asked to write to the Administrator for a grant of Commonage for three years, with permission to excavate stones, remove bushes, and carry out improvements necessary, and for members to have exclusive rights of playing on the course.

The following officers were elected:

*President:* Earl Grey  
*Vice-President:* Sir R. Martin  
*Captain:* F. E. Scott

Mr. B. K. Ward took over the duties of Honorary Secretary and was responsible for most of the preliminary work in laying out the course. He was particularly enthusiastic, not only in the enormous amount of work that had to be done, but was also a reasonably good golfer. He retained the position of Honorary Secretary for several years, until he was able to hand over the course in tip-top condition.

It was in April, 1897 that Douslin and Christopherson reported that they had marked out a course, and it was decided to commence play in May, 1897, and Mr. Walter Forbes was elected captain.

A further advance was made on March 20th, 1898, when the secretary wrote to the Deputy Administrator applying for the right to play golf on that position of the Commonage south end of the Park, and to erect a small Club House. Permission was received from the Civil Commissioner, Mr. Ross Townsend, and also the Municipality, to erect a Club House. This was built at a cost of £35 10s. on the rise of ground slightly in front and to the right of the present 16th tee. The spot can be identified by a tall gum tree growing amongst the indigenous trees.

In June, 1898, tenders were called for laying out greens and Mr. J. Stewart's tender was accepted to make greens at 30/- each.

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It may be of interest to the present members to know that the Secretary wrote to the Silvertown Company stating they were prepared to purchase one gross of Golf Balls, the cost landed in Bulawayo to be not more than 11/- per dozen, also mentioning that a floating ball was essential.

It should be mentioned here that the activities of the golf enthusiasts took place before the Railways came to Bulawayo, which was isolated. All transport over hundreds of miles came through desolate country, with numbers of savage natives, marauders and flooded rivers.

The first competition was played on November 4th, 1898, being a knock-out on handicap. There were ten entries, the winner being F. C. Dugmore.

The following could be reckoned as the pioneer playing members of the Bulawayo Golf Club.

F. C. Dugmore	J. Brown
A. D. Fradgley	B. K. Ward
H. B. Douslin	A. Jenkins
C. G. Ward	A. S. Bull
E. Montague	B. E. Dugmore
C. A. Pidcock	D. Nimmo
C. N. Carey	A. McRae
J. N. Normand	H. B. Heeley
J. R. K. Higginbottom	D. McDonald

At a general meeting held in 1901, it was decided to hold annually a championship of the Club. The late Sir James McDonald intimated to the Club that Mr. Cecil Rhodes was prepared to present a prize to be called the "Rhodes Challenge Trophy." The committee decided that they could not do better than utilise it for this competition, so a shield was ordered from Mappin and Webb, London, to be called the "Rhodes Challenge Shield" to be competed for annually under Medal Rules, all players to be scratch. The winner also to be presented with a memento to the value of five guineas. The first winner was F. C. Dugmore with a score of 88 and 80, total 168.

The first Club Championship was held in 1900 for the Rhodes Challenge Shield, presented by Cecil John Rhodes. The winner was F. C. Dugmore.



BULAWAYO GOLFERS AT LIVINGSTONE

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The Committee now decided to hold a series of monthly matches and the first medal competitions were held over a period of six months.

Cecil Rhodes was evidently much interested in the game, as in the following year he presented another trophy known as the Rhodes Cup.

Competitions were now being regularly arranged and the interest now being taken in the game brought further trophies to be competed for.

In 1903 Sir Charles Metcalf presented a cup as a floating trophy, play to be over 36 holes on handicap, stroke competition, the Club to give a Silver Medal. This is known as the Metcalf Cup.

The year 1908 brought forward two more trophies, the Winchester-Jameson Cup, presented jointly by the Marquess of Winchester and Dr. Starr Jameson.

Another trophy was presented by Mr. George Mitchell, then President of the Club. The conditions of the Mitchell Cup were that a qualifying round of 18 holes medal should be played on handicap; competitors making the 16 best returns, to play off, match play, on handicap. The cup to become the property of any player winning three times in succession or five times in all.

The course is set in natural surroundings with the Matjeumshlope River winding through most of the fairways. Although for the greater part of the year there is nothing but a dry river bed, it nevertheless provides a natural hazard, which presents some difficulty whenever encountered.

The greens were made of finely sifted sand, which served their purpose fairly well. There were times however, when heavy winds wrought havoc with the greens, piling up the sand and leaving bare patches. Players carried a wooden scraper in their bag, and scraping was allowed across the line of putt. This at times occasioned some delay when certain players spent far too much time scraping. Another difficulty was to find suitable quantities of uniform sand and the result was that the greens varied quite a good deal.

In March, 1910, a Special Meeting was called to consider the advisability of extending the course to 18 holes. This was agreed to and it was decided also to sell the old Club House and build a new one. This fetched £35.



F. C. DUGMORE

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The new Club House was built on high ground in Ninth Avenue, near the park. From the verandah a very pleasant view could be obtained looking down the whole of the 18th fairway, and a portion of the 1st, with the Twelfth Avenue bridge in the distance. This Club House contained a locker room, small lounge, committee room and verandah.

Water was not laid on, and a native was employed to fetch buckets of water to fill the wash basins.

However, this Club House suited its purpose for 20 years, when it was thought a more up-to-date building was required owing to the increase in membership.

In 1912 when the late Lord Gladstone was High Commissioner for South Africa, he generously presented a cup known as "The Gladstone Cup" as a trophy for the Amateur Championship of Rhodesia. This was open for competition by bona fide resident golfers in Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia and Beira. A governing body known as the "Gladstone Cup Committee" is composed of delegates from the principal clubs. This Cup has been competed for annually with the exception of the war years 1915-18 and 1940-45.

The first match was played in 1912 at Bulawayo and the Cup was won by F. C. Dugmore.

In this same year the Club decided to engage a professional, and Walter Day of Kimberley was appointed. I remember having some lessons with him, a very dour Scot. He would sit in a chair and tell you to go on swinging, occasionally pointing out your faults. Sometimes I thought he took a little nap during the lesson.

In 1913, Jack Fotheringham of Wit Deep was appointed professional.

The difficulty in the appointment of a good professional was that play was only possible six months in the year, and the job was not sufficiently remunerative without some occupation during the off season.

The outstanding player at this time was F. C. Dugmore, whose keenness and aptitude for the game placed him in a class by himself. Records in the early days show his handicap as follows:

1898	Minus	4
1899	Plus	5
1905	Plus	7
1906	Plus	3

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On July 27th, 1913 a match was arranged between F. C. Dugmore (amateur) and Jack Fotheringham (professional). The scores were as follows:

## F. C. DUGMORE

3	4	3	5	5	5	2	5	4	Out	36
3	5	4	4	4	4	4	5	4	Home	37
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										Total 73

## JACK FOTHERINGHAM

3	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	5	Out	35
3	4	4	3	3	4	4	4	5	Home	34
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										Total 69

Bogey for the course was 78.

The second annual championship for the Gladstone Cup was competed for over the Salisbury Course in 1913.

This was the biggest gathering so far held, competitors came from all parts of Rhodesia. The redoubtable Dugmore was amongst the visitors from Bulawayo, and it was generally assumed that he would again come out an easy winner. However, the meeting brought a surprise to everyone. I think I might record a portion of the final stages of the game, as the person in the picture was a very old friend of mine, W. J. Knott, and hearing that he was in the running I strolled across to watch him at the 18th tee. He was told that a five would win him the Championship. The bogey for this hole was four and there were bunkers right across the fairway in front of the green. It was a rare occasion that a player reached these bunkers. I saw him take out his driver, and he looked at me for a few seconds, and with a smile on his face, put it back in the bag and took out a mashie, deciding to play short. He connected too well, and to his consternation saw the ball roll into the bunker. However, he took a niblick and placed his next shot close to the pin, holing out in three, thereby winning the Gladstone Cup by a margin of three strokes. The scores were:

W. J. Knott	157
F. C. Dugmore	160

I think Knott had a slight advantage as he was playing on his home course, and a fair wind on that day may have helped him a bit. Knott was not picked for the Salisbury team, and was then 12 handicap.

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The third Rhodesia Amateur Golf Championship (Gladstone Cup) was played on the Bulawayo Course in 1914. The entries were:

Salisbury	4
Sinoia	3
Livingstone	1
Umtali	1
Bulawayo	8

In the first round, Elkin of Umtali came in with a card showing a score of 76 which represented very fine golf, taking into consideration the gusty wind which prevailed. His partner, McPherson (Salisbury) also returned a fine score of 79. Dugmore (Bulawayo) and Smith (Livingstone) each scored 78. The second round started in the afternoon in fine weather, with a fair wind. Dugmore played a steady game, scoring 77, whilst the others who were in the running at the close of the morning's play seemed to find plenty of trouble. Both Elkin and Smith took eight strokes more than they did in the morning, and this allowed Dugmore to come in an easy winner with five strokes to spare on Elkin, the next best man.

The following is the completed results:

		1ST	2ND	
		ROUND	ROUND	TOTAL
Dugmore ( <i>Bulawayo</i> )	...	78	77	155
Elkin ( <i>Umtali</i> )	...	76	84	160
Smith ( <i>Livingstone</i> )	...	78	86	164
Jenkins ( <i>Salisbury</i> )	...	85	82	167
Sheil ( <i>Bulawayo</i> )	...	85	87	172
McPherson ( <i>Salisbury</i> )	...	79	94	173
Christian ( <i>Bulawayo</i> )	...	90	87	177
Speight ( <i>Bulawayo</i> )	...	91	89	180
Ward ( <i>Bulawayo</i> )	...	95	93	188
Roberts ( <i>Sinoia</i> )	...	87	102	189

On the 15th April, 1914, J. W. Howard was appointed professional. In August the Great War commenced and all major competitions were held over until cessation of hostilities. During the war period quite a number of middle aged persons joined the Golf Club, and were able to get tuition from the professional.

There are several players to-day who received their first lessons from Professional Howard.

F. C. Dugmore was still the leading player. He won the Rhodesian Championship twice, and never allowed his keenness to wane. He took his son Baffy in hand, and many a time I saw father and son playing together.

The son, H. B. Dugmore, known as "Baffy" to his friends, under the expert tuition of his father, made great progress and was soon down to a low handicap. He was selected to play for Oxford University. He won the Rhodesian Championship in 1936, and is still acknowledged as one of the finest golfers Rhodesia has produced.

The whole family of Dugmores have a fine golfing record, both Mrs. Dugmore and Miss Nancy Dugmore have been Matabeleland Champions.

Other keen players were: G. Shiel, F. C. Chatfield, W. R. D. Lewis, H. Chapman, A. H. Hill, Geo. Johnson, A. E. Uttley, J. MacDonald, H. O. Frielinghaus, J. Paterson, G. S. Maughan, W. J. Knott, H. B. Heeley, G. McAide, G. Young and the author.

It was not until 1927 that it was decided to keep the course open all the year round. This proved quite popular and brought an appreciable increase in membership. At the time, little was known of soil erosion, and contour ridging, and with the grass cut short during the rainy season, torrents of water flowed into the Matjeumshlope River, where — as previously the tall grass, which grew to about four feet in height, held up the water. Each rainy season resulted in many tons of good soil being washed into the river.

The Club Championship this year was won by J. S. Dunbar. The runner-up was S. Marshall-Symons.

In 1929 it was decided to hold an annual Matabeleland Championship. This attracted a big field and visitors from Gwelo and outlying districts of Bulawayo. There were no facilities at the Club House for refreshments, and the appearance of a large marquee gave a gala appearance. A local caterer had been given the contract to provide lunches and teas. This was very necessary, as on one day of the competition, I came back from my morning round at 12.30 p.m. and had to go out again at 1 p.m. The finalists in this first Matabeleland Championship was a draw between Ramsay Innes and a very young and stylish player named Veale, a visitor to Rhodesia with a handicap of 2. He has since turned professional, and has qualified for the South African Open.

The Championship was over 18 holes, and Ramsay Innes went out in 38 and home in 35, giving him a total of 73. Veale, who was leading well in the morning, crashed in the afternoon, and finished to tie with Ramsay Innes. The Committee decided that they should play off another 9 holes. They were followed by quite a fair gallery; all the members leaving the Club House to follow the game. It was evident that Ramsay Innes was nervous and perturbed at the crowd in the vicinity, and Veale with his greater experience was able to win easily.

A disturbing element at this period was that the different committees were constantly changing the position of holes; players were never certain of the course. It did not take long to alter a green, a bit of scuffling and a layer of sand could be completed in a couple of days. Members were now getting tired and annoyed at this continual reconstruction work and it was decided to have a survey made and definite plans drawn up for the course.

The services of Major John were enlisted, and plans drawn up taking into consideration a site for a new Club House.

In the new scheme of things it was known that the Municipality wanted the ground between Ninth and Twelfth Avenues and provision had to be made for the extension at the southern end of the course.

This meant giving up the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 18th holes.

A number of members were very sad at losing the third hole. This was a short one played over the railway bridge with a dry river bed winding its way under the bridge and containing many large boulders and stones. The Railway area close to the green was out of bounds. It was quite a sporting hole and in spite of its formidable outlook a number of two's were picked up here.

Now that a permanent course had been decided upon the committee was anxious to improve the fairways.

With the absence of contour ridging, each rainy season washed away many tons of top soil and the once fertile valley of the Matjeumshlope began to assume large brown patches of bare ground. In the endeavour to amend matters, fairways were ploughed up and planted with grass, and piping laid to water the approaches to the greens. Marshall-Symons,

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Straith, Swales and Ellman Brown were particularly active in carrying out this work, and many improvements in the fairways soon became noticeable.

Sir James MacDonald made a gift of a plantation of gum trees which were planted between the 14th and 16th fairways. Unfortunately a poor rainy season and frosts resulted in the failure of about 90 per cent. of the young trees, but Sir James presented the Club with a complete replacement. This plantation made a big improvement to the present 14th fairway, which was a swamp most of the year.

It was in 1928, that members began to feel that the present Golf Club was inadequate, and Marshall-Symons and Vernon Swales went into the matter very thoroughly, resulting in a special meeting of members being called to discuss the subject. Tentative plans were submitted, and a site selected for a new Golf House on rising ground to the south of the Suburbs which in conjunction with new survey plans, provided a two-way course.

In April, 1929, the Trustees of the Club signed a contract for the building of a new Club House, Native Quarters, re-erecting the old Club House, removing and re-erecting cycle shed for the sum of £3,513 10s.

It was agreed to collect £4,000 from the members to cover the extra cost of furnishing. There were very few members at the time, but most gave as much as they could and the full amount was subscribed.

There was of course, a certain amount of opposition, some members felt the course would be neglected, and were willing to subscribe only on certain conditions. Those who subscribed received six per cent. on their debenture shares and for a time a reduction of their annual subscriptions.

It was decided to lose no time, and the contractors, Messrs. McDonald and MacFarlane, were instructed to proceed with the building right away, and to get same ready in time for the next season.

The contractors kept to their promise, and the new Club House was opened by the Mayor of Bulawayo, Mr. W. H. Peard on Saturday afternoon, March 16th, 1930.

In declaring the Club open, the Mayor gave a brief outline of the history of the new Club House, stating that various plans had been considered, resulting in the very fine



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building they now had with its splendid view. He mentioned the Town Council were ready to meet the Club in the matter of leases, and grant a 25 year lease over the Golf Club area, and a 99 years lease over the Club House area at a small rental.

The total cost of the new premises was £4,500, including furniture and fittings.

The old Club House was removed to a site in the vicinity of the new Club House, and certain alterations made to enable it to be used as a residence for the professional.

Mr. R. May was engaged as Professional and assumed duty in the early part of January, 1930.

Soon after the opening of the new Club House, it was decided to try out some grass greens. Greens No. 7 and 18 were planted by Professional May, and they soon became popular. It was more or less an experiment, one green was planted with couch grass and the other with Bradley grass. Very little water was laid on to the course at the time but they were kept in good condition with top dressing. After they had been given a fair trial, a meeting was held to discuss these greens. The President did not like the variation of grasses planted, and wanted conformity. The Captain was in favour of going on with 18 greens. In this he was supported by other members of the Committee. Mr. May, the professional, was of the opinion that the grass greens were better than the present sand greens, and pointed out that there had been a number of very good scores on the grass greens.

It was decided by vote that the present grass greens be retained.

There appears to have been some misunderstanding about the planting of these greens. The Committee's decision was to plant Couch grass, but Bradley was also planted by the professional. Strangely enough instructions were given by the Committee that these were not to be watered, but later this was left to the discretion of the Greens Committee.

Later on in the year, in view of the coming championship, and a severe drought and lack of water, the Committee decided to revert to all sand greens.

As a further alternative, the Club imported from Broken Hill Mine in Northern Rhodesia a quantity of fine slag of lead and zinc. This gave a good putting surface, and was laid on all 18 greens, but its chief virtue over sand was that it was not easily blown away in a strong wind.

In 1930 the membership was 288 men, 170 women, total 458.

The Rhodesia Amateur Championship (Gladstone Cup) was this year held in Bulawayo, and resulted in many thrills. For the first time in the history of this particular championship, four players tied for the position of champion, each with a score of 161 over the two rounds. They were S. D. Timson (Salisbury) the holder, L. S. Kiggell (Livingstone), W. H. Compton (Bulawayo) and H. B. Dugmore (Bulawayo). Both Dugmore and Timson lipped the cup which would otherwise have given them 160. The play-off took place the following day, when Dugmore and Compton went off first, followed by Kiggell and Timson.

The best morning score was returned by Compton who handed in a card of 77, but in the afternoon Dugmore returned a 79. The most consistent golf, however, was played by Timson and Kiggell, who each did 80 and 81 in the morning and afternoon respectively. W. H. Compton, with a score of 82 won the replay, and put in the best score, and for the second time in three years, became the Rhodesian Champion.

Dugmore and Kiggell tied for second place with 84, and in playing off their tie, Kiggell as the result of a splendid round of 77 became runner-up. Dugmore did an 81. The golf throughout the tournament was good, but Kiggell provided the best round of the championship with a 77, by only dropping critical strokes at the last two holes. Compton, however, was the worthy winner for he certainly played the best golf throughout the tournament.

In February, 1930, the Prince of Wales travelling through Bulawayo, and having three and a half hours to wait for his Salisbury train, expressed a desire for a quiet game of golf. Matches were arranged for the President of the Club, Marshall-Symons to play the Prince, the Captain Vernon Swales to play Lieut.-Col. The Hon. Piers-Legh, and the Secretary, S. H. Hartley to play Capt. J. Aird.

When play commenced, the Prince insisted on Mr. Marshall-Symons having the honour despite the latter's natural reluctance. The course was in good condition although it was the off season. It was expected that the Royal player who of course was used to grass greens, would be handicapped by the sand greens. This however, was not the case, only the first giving him trouble, after that he took the measure of the

course, and except towards the last couple of holes, the greens did not hinder him at all. The Prince played with steel shafted clubs and the majority of the locals played with wood shafted clubs. As an indication of his class as a golfer, he won the ninth hole with a birdie four, and at the sixteenth he was just over the green with a perfect iron shot.

After the first couple of holes he became quite used to the hardness of the course and was playing strongly, so well, in fact, that he was soon three up on his opponent. However, the thirteenth hole lived up to the superstition in being unlucky for him. It was here that he was three up, and five to play, and it looked as if the match would easily be his.

He now began having trouble with his tee shots and lost the remaining five holes, much to the surprise of his opponent, who had expected to be considerably down. Mr. Symons considered that in the dry season, when conditions would be better, the Prince could very easily play down to a handicap from four to six. The Prince talked brightly all the time during the game and gave every indication of thoroughly enjoying the round.

Waiting at the Club House after the eighteenth, Mr. Symons requested the Prince to drive a ball which could be kept as a memento of his visit. This the Prince readily consented to do, and drove a ball from below the Club House. The ball has been mounted and inscribed, and rests with the trophies in the Bulawayo Club House. The Prince was requested to sign the visitors book and was handed a pen and the book open at a special page for his signature. He asked the reason for the fresh page, and was told that it was to be used for his signature only. The Prince put the pen down, and resolutely refused to sign anywhere but on the usual page. He then signed as an ordinary visitor under the already long list of names.

The following is an extract from the Bulawayo Chronicle:

*"There was a charming little incident near one of the bridges. The Prince and Mr. Marshall-Symons were walking along together talking, when a pretty little girl who had been standing in the shade of a nearby tree, came shyly up to the Prince, and curtsying deeply, presented him with a buttonhole. The Prince, bending forward, smiled genially and shaking her hand, thanked her for the*

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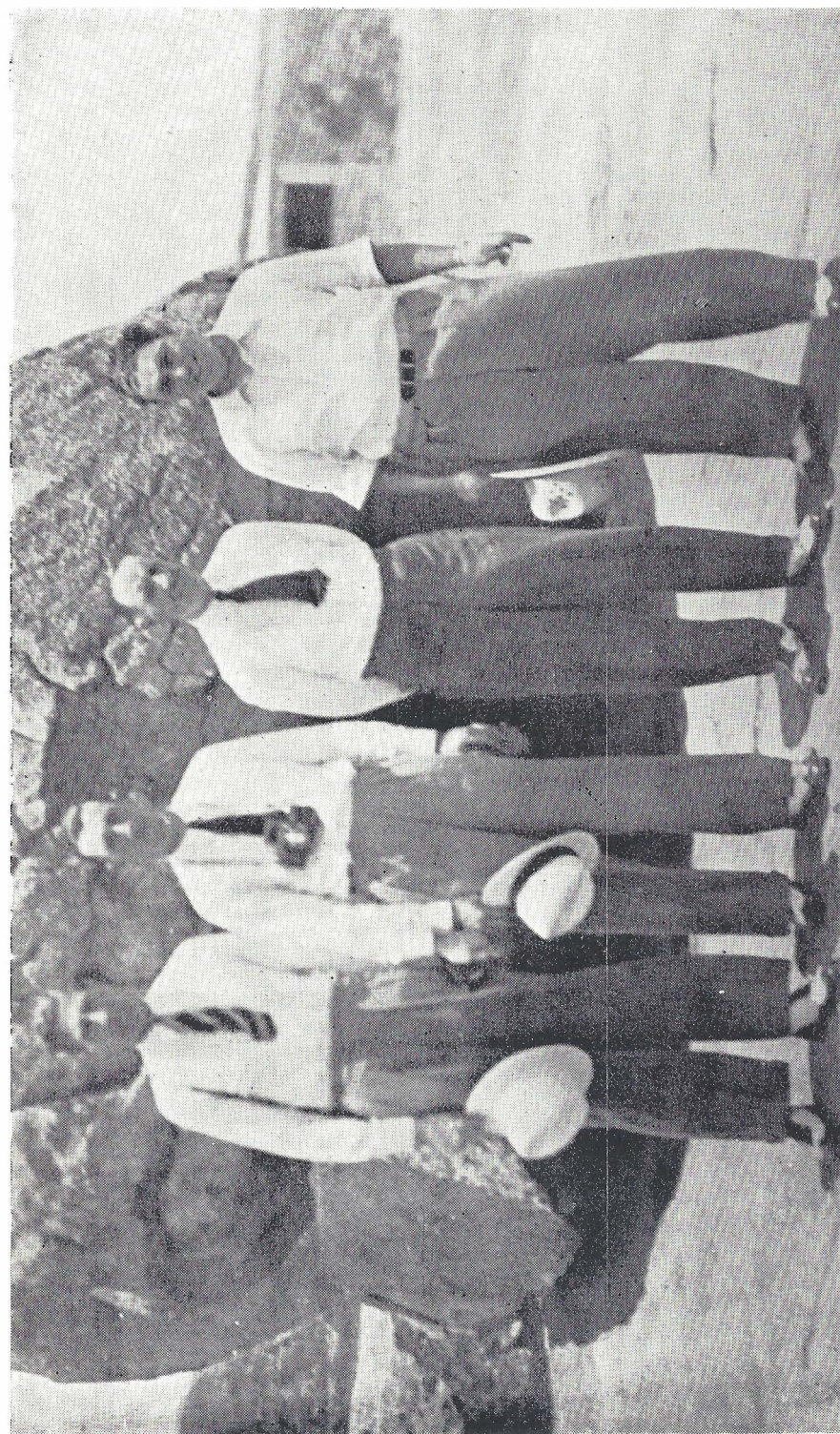
*flower. For a few minutes he talked to her, asking her her name and age, and whether she went to school. The child was Joan, the nine-year-old daughter of Captain E. R. Davis, a club member, and it was a very happy little girl who a few seconds later curtsied again and ran back under the tree. The Prince placed the flower in his buttonhole and was still wearing it when he left Bulawayo."*

The Prince and his opponent were followed by the Hon. Piers-Legh and Vernon Swales, Captain of the Club. Although Swales won comfortably by three up and two to play he had warm praise for the play of his opponent. The Hon. Piers-Legh played a delightfully free game. He considered he would be a very difficult man to beat on his own ground. The Hon. Piers-Legh had the lowest handicap of the Prince's suite, but was naturally at a disadvantage owing to the strange conditions. The sand greens were his chief difficulty. The third couple to play were Capt. John Aird and E. H. Hartley, the Club secretary. It was really a fine game, and perhaps the most even match of the three. At the conclusion Hartley was two up on his opponent.

The Prince and his staff spoke in glowing terms of the new Club House and the course, stating it was far better than anything they had expected to find in a town of the size of Bulawayo.

In the year 1931, a vast amount of detail work had to be undertaken in connection with the running and upkeep of the Club House, planting trees, gravelling of roads and paths, etc. A caddie system was inaugurated which proved very successful. An 18-hole Putting Green was completed, and formally opened by his Excellency, the Governor, Sir Cecil Rodwell. The ploughing and planting with grass of 17 acres of land embracing the new holes was now completed. Unfortunately the seasonal rains came to an abrupt conclusion, being followed by a long period of drought. Though very much reduced in length, a course of 18 holes was now provided.

1937 was a year of great activity. V. D. Browne was appointed secretary, who immediately got busy in getting things in ship-shape order. The premises were cleaned and painted, verandah chairs repaired, new crockery ordered, and the Golf House had a general spring cleaning. A triple mower was ordered and six great American mowers. A geophysical survey of the Club area was made with a view to obtaining water. A water storage tank was also erected. They were



ALLAN DAILEY, A. H. PADGHAM, ABE MITCHELL, W. J. COX

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fortunate in enlisting the services of Mr. John Neilson who was able to advise the Committee and explain the work necessary to ensure control of water and pipe laying.

It was fortunate that the Club had the indefatigable Alex McKirdy as Captain for this year for with his past experience in golfing matters he was able to guide his Committee safely through very rough waters.

At an executive meeting, Mr. C. J. MacNaughton, Trustee of the Club, referred to the proposed formation of a new Golf Club outside Bulawayo. He had heard it said that the Bulawayo Golf Club Committee was not representative, an argument that he, with the assistance of Dr. Rodger, had endeavoured to overcome at the last general meeting by nominating several members for election to the Committee. He continued that the congestion on the course could be met by a relief course, and suggested further action to obtain the necessary ground. He would prefer that the sponsors of the new Club idea should co-operate and make this Club stronger and better, and wished to know if the Committee would authorise him to inform the persons concerned that the Bulawayo Golf Club would be prepared to consider suggestions and proposals to this end. Mr. MacNaughton attended a meeting, but the sponsors intended to continue with their scheme to form another Golf Club.

In view of the above, the Committee decided to retire in a body, but would offer themselves for re-election to obtain the general feeling of the members. Notices were inserted in the Press and all members notified to attend an extraordinary general meeting. A full discussion took place and it was unanimously agreed that the members had full confidence in their Committee who were re-elected *en bloc*.

In this golfing year, namely 1936/7, the Club was able to stage exhibition matches by well known British Professionals on December 5th and 6th, 1936. The players were: Padgham, A. Dailey, Abe Mitchell and Cox. The arrangements were in the hands of a sub-committee consisting of A. F. McKirdy as chairman, Al Colborne and V. D. Browne. This was the first big match staged on the Bulawayo Course and new to many of the spectators. There were many willing helpers to assist in keeping the course clear, and Capt. McKirdy is to be congratulated on the very efficient manner he dealt with the situation which went off without a hitch.

**MATABELELAND CHAMPIONSHIP — 1939**

I did not mean to go so far forward as 1939, but I feel I must refer to it, as like many other Matabeleland Championships, it was held in real foul weather, and I would like to relate what can be done in very difficult circumstances. Incidentally the author figured in this competition as the runner-up of the first day's match, and the winner on the last day. On the Saturday, partnered by Bryan Kippen in a four-ball bogey, we finished three up, which was considered very good in those days. Whilst we were having a little congratulatory refreshment, and it was now pitch dark, two players, Crossley and Keefe, slid up to the corner of the bar, thoroughly soaked, and the rain was coming down in torrents. They really dampened our spirits claiming to have brought in a score of four up.

On the Monday morning before it was time to start, there was a good steady soaking rain. Owing to the large number of visiting competitors, play was permitted by those who were brave enough to face the elements. Players started off in as many pullovers and jerseys as they could get hold of, some in macintoshes and others in overcoats. My partner and I were drawn against two visitors from the Lonely, who did not like the idea of cooling their heels in the Golf House, and decided to play. At halfway many gave up, but as our score was quite a good one, and we were now all thoroughly wet, and did not think we could be any worse, a couple of blankets were produced, and off we went again. Soaked as we were, we were all in happy mood. The shiny leather handles of some of the clubs were difficult to grip, and the mud tees were very slippery. I do not remember our final score, but we finished up the winners by quite a large margin.

**MATABELELAND CHAMPIONSHIP — 1940**

The Matabeleland Championship held in 1940 at Bulawayo was a great success. The Committee were rather dubious about this competition on account of the war. However, with the help of the Forces, over 150 players took part. The surprise of the meeting was David Ross winning the championship with 77 and 75 — total 152. This was a good effort seeing Ross's handicap was six. He was up against players like Crage, the present holder, Hughes, Farrell and Gower, all lower handicaps.

In the morning, Hughes of Lonely Mine, scored 74 and Farrell 75. However, both these players crashed in the afternoon with a 79 and 80 respectively.

A very splendid performance in the B Division for players with a handicap of over nine was that done by W. W. Chatterton, who scored 77 and 83 — total 160, leading the field in his division by 10 strokes.

On very many occasions members have put the question to me that seeing that the Bulawayo Golf Course was started so many years ago, it is still incomplete, and money is always wanted for the Course and the Golf House. There are very many reasons for this. In the early days the rainfall in Bulawayo was abundant, and the river had water all the year round. When the site of the course was chosen to follow the River Matjeumshlope they little knew the snags they were in for. Soil erosion was hardly given any consideration. A number of fairways sloped towards the river, and as the grass was cut year by year, many hundreds of tons of excellent soil was washed into the river and never recovered. If anyone thought of contour ridging in the early days, it was never taken into effect. Going back only thirty years, the present fourteenth fairway was a swamp during the rainy season, and the grass grew about six feet high. For this reason, the late Sir James MacDonald presented to the Club a number of gum trees, which took up a considerable amount of the moisture. As time went by, we were able to play the whole year round, and had eighteen holes, but the course still had no cultivated ground.

During the last war golf balls became very scarce, and expensive. Many new Dunlop 65's passed hands for 20/-. The result of this is that the loss of a ball was so considerable that the grass was cut very short right up to the river banks, and when the heavy rains came down, there was nothing to stop thousands of tons of top soil being washed into the river and lost for ever. The course assumed a considerable number of bare patches. At one time it was a fairly easy matter for a medium player to drive over the far river on the 18th fairway. The ball just rebounded over the hard baked clay.

Matters were so serious that the Committee had before them a very hard task. Certain ploughing was carried out, and the greenkeeper was kept busy for several years excavating soil from anywhere he could get it, and laying it on the fairways. A later committee went in violently for contour ridging, and this certainly saved more soil being washed away. All this cost an amount of money.

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A number of present-day players will remember the old fifth. This was always a difficult problem. In the vicinity of the green, was one of the prettiest picnic spots near Bulawayo. It was the site of one of Lobengula's Kraals. This is the reason for the condition of the present fourth fairway. This fairway was vigorously ploughed up. Mr. Ellman Brown thought something could be done. Hundreds of thousands of roots were taken away in cartloads from this particular fairway. My opinion is that it will never make a good fairway. The natives took everything there was out of the soil.

Water was another difficulty. Boreholes were sunk, but I will not go into this matter, other than mention that a considerable amount of money was spent in this direction also the cost of piping at present laid on the course ran into a considerable sum.

The pioneers of the Bulawayo Golf Club can be complimented on the considerable amount of work they have done.

Each year has shown an appreciable improvement in the course, but many difficulties have to be contended with owing to its peculiar lay out. The course follows the river most of the way, and in heavy rainfalls the banks of the river are washed away. The Club however has had to put up with many years of drought, and water has always been a problem. Visiting professionals have commented on the Bulawayo greens, stating they are as good as any in Africa. Many persons have been employed from time to time to report and give advice on the course. Whether the course is considered to be completed or not, it is difficult to know. The course with its present layout is a very interesting one, every hole has its own features. It is not an easy course to play on, concentration is required all the time. The best time of the year for play is after the rainy season, from March to September.

There are quite a number of members who have done quite a lot of work for the club, and it would take many pages to enumerate them all, but I would like to mention one or two who have been outstanding.

F. C. DUGMORE. We can look upon him as the father of the Bulawayo Golf Club. He won the Rhodes Challenge Shield, which is the Club Championship, no less than 12 times. He could be seen most evenings after work either putting or playing a few holes. For quite a while his handicap was plus four. He was always keen to interest new players in the game, and willing to give any advice.



PUTTING GREEN FACING CLUB HOUSE



BULAWAYO GOLFERS AFTER BREAKFAST, EN ROUTE TO GWANDA

A. RAMSAY INNES. This player can still be seen in action on the Bulawayo Golf Course, and has been a most consistent golfer for the past 30 years. He won the Club Championship in 1933 and 1936. He was the Rhodesian Champion in 1934, winning the Gladstone Cup for that year against the whole of Northern and Southern Rhodesia. In 1933 he was the winner of the Winchester-Jameson Cup in partnership with J. Ellman Brown. He was also runner-up in the Matabeleland Championship in 1929 and still goes round the course in the vicinity of bogey.

ALEX MCKIRDY. This member arrived from Durban and judging by his name, originally from Scotland. He tells me that this is quite correct. It was not long before he joined the committee and it was quite obvious that he had some experience of the executive side. He was a very hard worker and was elected Captain of the club in 1936. He raised a good deal of enthusiasm during his term of office, and arranged a number of matches with outside clubs. I remember accompanying him on several of these. He won the Matabeleland Championship in 1936 on a real cold, bitter day, which kept quite a number of players indoors. He was a powerful hitter. I have seen him hit a ball beautifully round the bend from the 10th tee, the ball landing on or in the near vicinity of the green. His greatest achievement however, was doing the 18th hole in two. This is the longest hole on the course.

He was a stern critic and was well versed in the rules of golf. He was also keen on the social side of the Club, and for the valuable assistance also rendered by Mrs. McKirdy, they received from the Club members a presentation in recognition of their services. He is an Honorary Vice-President of the Club.

J. ELLMAN BROWN is a person who has taken a big part in the construction of the Bulawayo Golf Course. Although an old resident in Rhodesia, he did not start to play golf until 45 years of age. He served on the Committee for many years, taking a keen interest in the course, particularly the fairways. At one time, he endeavoured to improve the present fifth fairway, which had always been very poor, being an old kaffir kraal. He had same ploughed up, taking out numerous cartloads of bulbs which used to produce a kind of wild lily. He then had put down large quantities of fertiliser. There was little rainfall the following season, and there appeared to be no improvement. The work was referred to as Brown's folly.

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He then turned his attention to approaches to the greens, where he met with greater success, grass being planted and top-dressed, which improved the lies considerably. Mr. Ellman Brown only recently relinquished the office of President of the Golf Club, and was made an Honorary Life Member. A portrait of himself was presented to him on his 80th birthday, which now hangs in the Golf Club.

**VERNON SWALES.** This player retired from activities of the Club some few years ago. During his membership he was a most enthusiastic worker both in the interest of the game and its administration. He was Captain of the Club for three years running, 1927, 1928 and 1929. He was one of the principal parties responsible for the building of the present Golf House. I remember he invited me for a walk round the course, and we stood on the kopje on the right of the then 13th tee. Players used to hit a number of balls on this kopje which was very rocky and stony and lies were frequently unplayable. If any players to-day had sliced a ball in the vicinity of the professional's house, you will have some idea what this kopje was like. "What do you think of this as a site for the new Golf House," Swales said to me. Looking round there was an excellent view, no buildings in sight, only some railway workshops could be seen in the distance. It was eventually decided to build the new Club House on this spot. Since then Famona and Malindela have sprung up, which has altered the aspect entirely.

**J. BRYCE HENDRIE.** This gentleman was President of the Club for many years. With his quiet manner and legal experience he was able to lead the committee through many troublesome times. War had broken out during his term of office, nevertheless, some members were calling for improvements in the course and Club House. Dividends had to be paid to those who put up the money for the Club House, and Bryce Hendrie proved a tower of strength to the committee, particularly in the matter of finance. He was a very keen golfer, rarely missed a game at week-ends and could also find time occasionally during the week.

**ALEC TAIT.** A player all old members knew by sight, owing to his strange headgear. Year in, year out, Alec wore a straw boater, and said it was the most comfortable of all hats. He wore this hat to the Golf House, when he changed to an old felt hat, but after the game, again donned his boater. He was a pupil of Professional Howard and had a slow flat



MEMBERS OF SENIOR GOLFERS SOCIETY, INCLUDING SEVERAL EARLY BULAWAYO PLAYERS

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backward swing, which I have never known him to alter in all the years that I have seen him play. He had a natural stoop, and his pace whilst playing was like clockwork. A jovial disposition with an infectious laugh, which was generally much prolonged. He liked a good joke and had some good ones to tell himself. He was one of the most consistent supporters of the Club, rain or fine, Alec found his way to the Club House. He was repeatedly invited to join the Committee, also to have his name put up for Captain, but he definitely refused to take any executive office.

A. H. (BERTIE) HILL. This gentleman is of a retiring disposition, and there are not many who know what he has done for the Club. He was Honorary Secretary from 1913 to 1919, and again in 1931 and 1932, making nine years in all. He is still called in on occasions to help in clerical and accountancy work for the Club. For his services he was elected a Life Member of the Bulawayo Golf Club. He is a Foundation Member of the Senior Golfer's Society.

## CHALLENGE MATCHES PLAYED ON THE BULAWAYO COURSE 1913 1914 1931

27/7/1913 JACK FOTHERINGHAM (Professional)

3	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	5	Out	35
3	4	4	3	3	4	4	4	5	Home	34

69 Bogey 78

5/9/1914 J. P. HOWARD (Professional)

4	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	4	Out	35
4	5	3	3	4	4	4	4	3	Home	34

69 Bogey 77

27/7/1931 F. C. DUGMORE (Amateur)

3	4	3	5	5	5	2	5	4	Out	36
3	5	4	4	4	4	4	5	4	Home	37

73 Bogey 78

7/9/1931 H. B. DUGMORE (Amateur)

5	5	3	3	3	3	3	4	5	Out	34
3	4	4	3	3	4	3	3	2	Home	29

63 Bogey 71

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## TROPHIES PRESENTED TO THE BULAWAYO GOLF CLUB

- 1900 **Rhodes Challenge Shield** (*presented by Rt. Hon. Cecil John Rhodes*). Championship play to be 36 holes from scratch.
- 1901 **Rhodes Cup** (*presented by Rt. Hon. Cecil John Rhodes*). Match play on handicap over 36 holes. Partners drawn.
- 1903 **Metcalfe Cup** (*presented by Sir Charles Metcalfe*). 36 holes on handicap, stroke (medal play). Partners drawn.
- 1908 **Mitchell Cup** (*presented by George Mitchell*). Qualifying round of 18 holes, medal play on handicap. Competitors making the 16 best returns to play off match play on handicap. To be won three times in succession or five times in all.
- 1908 **Winchester-Jameson Cup** (*presented by the Marquess of Winchester and Dr. Jameson*). Play 18 holes handicap, medal play, partners to be drawn. (Men's foursomes).
- 1912 **Club Cup** (*presented by the Club*). 36 holes in one day stroke (medal) on handicap. Partners drawn. To be won three times in succession or five times in all.
- March 1913 **Pommery Cup** (*presented by Hon. Percy Thellusson*). 36 holes, bogey on handicap. Partners to be drawn. To be won twice in succession or three times in all. If won twice in succession or three times in all to become the absolute property of the winner.
- 1929 **Matabeleland Championship A Division** (*Cup presented by Messrs. Haddon and Sly*). 36 holes. Players to be nine handicap or under.
- 1930 **Club Championship B Division** (*Cup presented by Mr. Jack Ellenbogen*). 36 holes for those with handicap 11 and over.
- 1930 **John MacDonald Trophy**. To be competed for by Inter-provincial teams of four.
- 1931 **Welcome Cup** (*presented by "Anonymous"*). Teams of four. All four scores to count. 18 holes stroke on handicap. Partners drawn.
- 1937 **Jack Ellenbogen Cup**. Open to players with handicaps exceeding 10. 36 holes stroke play from scratch. (Played in conjunction with Club Championship).
- 1938 **Matabeleland Amateur Golf Championship B Division** (*Trophy presented by P. J. Phillips*). Players to be not less than ten handicap.

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## RHODES CHALLENGE SHIELD

*Presented by Rt. Hon. Cecil John Rhodes 1900*

Bulawayo Club Championship over 36 holes from scratch

1901 F. C. Dugmore	1930 R. Horne
1902 F. C. Dugmore	1931 A. Paterson
1903 F. C. Dugmore	1932 A. E. Farrell
1904 A. U. Ritchie	1933 A. R. Innes
1905 F. C. Dugmore	1934 B. Myles
1906 A. U. Ritchie	1935 H. B. Dugmore
1907 F. C. Dugmore	1936 A. R. Innes
1908 A. U. Ritchie	1937 C. Kemp
1909 F. C. Dugmore	1938 H. B. Dugmore
1910 F. C. Dugmore	1939 H. B. Dugmore
1911 F. C. Dugmore	1940 F. W. Cunningham
1912 F. C. Dugmore	1941 G. M. Goldsbury
1913 F. C. Dugmore	1942 D. H. Ross
1914 F. C. Dugmore	1943 D. H. Ross
1919 F. C. Dugmore	1944 D. Shelton
1920 R. D. Hayes	1945 D. H. Ross
1921 H. Chapman	1946 H. B. Dugmore
1922 S. M. Symons	1947 H. E. Brooks
1923 H. Chapman	1948 H. E. Brooks
1924 J. S. Wylie	1949 A. M. Kidd
1925 C. H. Bennett	1950 H. E. Brooks
1926 R. J. Thominet	1951 I. Macaskill
1927 J. S. Dunbar	1952 D. A. Proctor
1928 H. B. Dawson	1953 K. Lynham
1929 J. S. Dunbar	1954 P. N. C. Donald

## BULAWAYO GOLF CLUB CUP — RHODES CUP

*Presented by Rt. Hon. Cecil John Rhodes 1901*

1903 K. B. Fairbairn	1931 R. A. Gower
1904 C. N. Cosnett	1932 A. J. Ayres
1905 F. C. Dugmore	1933 A. L. Robertson
1906 J. B. Heeley	1934 R. A. Gower
1907 G. Parson	1935 A. E. Farrell
1908 J. H. Ayling	1936 J. Neilson
1909 F. C. Dugmore	1937 C. Kemp
1910 F. C. Dugmore	1938 T. E. Taylor
1911 F. C. Dugmore	1939 A. C. E. Nesbitt
1912 H. D. Freilinghaus	1940 J. Ellman Brown
1913 H. D. Freilinghaus	1941 D. H. Ross
1914 H. Chapman	1942 N. C. Campbell
1915 B. K. Ward	1943 N. I. Knowles
1919 F. C. Dugmore	1944 B. Shelton
1920 J. Ellman Brown	1945 H. J. Bradfield
1921 S. M. Symons	1946 B. C. Kippen
1922 N. Greenshields	1947 B. C. Kippen
1923 H. S. Sly	1948 J. B. Day
1924 A. H. Ayres	1949 C. Kemp
1925 C. H. Bennett	1950 M. Rosen
1926 W. Melville	1951 W. H. Compton
1927 A. E. Farrell	1952 J. F. Chatterton
1928 H. B. Dawson	1953 J. C. Robinson
1929 G. G. Fynn	1954 D. H. Wilson
1930 W. H. Ayling	

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## METCALFE (BULAWAYO CHALLENGE) CUP

*Presented by Sir Charles Metcalfe 1903*

1903 W. J. Grant	1934 C. R. Causton
1904 L. P. Ashburnham	1935 D. F. Francis
1905 A. U. Ritchie	1936 G. L. Davies
1906 A. U. Ritchie	1937 C. W. Landry
1907 W. J. Grant	1938 J. H. Crossley
1908 F. C. Dugmore	1939 G. B. H. Fry
1909 J. H. Ayling	1940 C. S. Cooper
1910 S. Brinton	1941 L. L. Thomas
1911 G. S. Maughan	1942 W. L. Carrington
1912 F. C. Dugmore	1943 H. H. Fenner
1913 H. Allen	1944 N. Greenshields
1914 W. J. Knott	1945 W. J. Searles
1915 G. Young	1946 H. E. Davies
1919 K. A. Byrne	1947 G. A. Jamieson
1920 A. T. Tait	1948 A. K. Mitchell
1921 G. W. Fletcher	1949 J. O. H. Iverson
1922 E. A. Uttley	1950 B. A. E. Johnstone
1923 R. T. Thominet	1951 C. P. Forbes
1931 P. W. Sherwell	1952 J. F. Chatterton
1932 T. Forbes	1953 E. E. Golightly
1933 N. S. Moore	1954 S. L. Wolffe

## POMMERY CUP

*Presented by Hon. Percy Thellusson 1913*

1913 T. A. Munnings	1938 J. W. Galloway
1914 A. E. Speight	1939 D. H. Ross
1915 E. A. Uttley	1940 W. B. Murray
1919 A. H. Hill	1941 A. F. McKirdy
1920 H. Middleton	1942 J. M. Hooper
1921 R. C. Bucquet	1943 W. T. Knowles
1922 E. F. Harris	1944 R. F. Searle
1923 J. Buchan	1945 E. O. Munn
1929 A. E. Farrell	1946 H. W. Munro
1930 Ben Johnstone	1947 D. H. Wilson
1931 P. W. Sherwell	1948 G. A. Jamieson
1932 C. J. Hayward	1949 I. Macaskill
1933 J. C. Sherry	1950 J. Hooper
1934 A. Landau	1951 B. Proctor
1935 A. E. Farrell	1952 K. E. Lineham
1936 R. A. Gower	1953 E. Proctor
1937 R. A. Gower	1954 J. F. Chatterton

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## CLUB CUP

*Presented by The Bulawayo Golf Club 1912*

1912 H. D. Freilinghaus	1938 C. W. Landry
1913 P. T. Miller	1939 C. W. Hall
1914 { J. Paterson	1940 H. M. Towell
J. E. Brown	1941 D. H. Ross
1915 G. E. Graham	1942 R. Dickenson
1920 S. M. Symons	1943 W. Bryson
1922 F. Fitch	1944 A. E. Farrell
1923 J. Dunbar	1945 G. A. Zamek
1929 D. H. Ross	1946 H. D. Shacklock
1930 B. Johnstone	1947 A. M. Kidd
1931 A. F. McKirdy	1948 B. Proctor
1932 A. G. Davies	1949 R. Nelson
1933 A. L. Robertson	1950 C. P. Forbes
1934 J. S. Dunbar	1951 D. Duncanson
1935 F. E. Shergold	1952 B. Proctor
1936 J. Neilson	1953 F. Eidelstein
1937 J. Baker	1954 S. L. Wolffe

## WINCHESTER-JAMESON CUP

*Presented by The Marquess of Winchester and Dr. Starr Jameson*

1908 F. C. Dugmore and B. K. Ward
1910 F. C. Dugmore and W. R. D. Lewis
1911 R. H. Ayling and L. H. Whitmore
1912 F. C. Dugmore and R. D. Murdoch
1913 H. Chapman and F. C. Dugmore
1914 F. C. Dugmore and T. E. Speight
1919 J. E. Brown and A. I. Tait
1920 J. E. Brown and A. H. Hill
1921 A. H. Ayres and P. E. Potter
1922 T. Forbes and W. H. Brooker
1923 A. B. Simpson and C. P. Harvey
1924 A. H. Morgan and N. H. Muir
1925 J. H. Ayling and H. Steven
1926 S. M. Symons and J. S. Dunbar
1927 R. J. Thominet and J. S. Finnigan
1928 W. H. Brooker and H. B. Dawson
1929 A. E. Farrell and R. Martin
1930 J. E. Brown and T. Forbes
1931 N. Greenshields and L. R. Gladwell
1932 F. Shergold and H. Charles
1933 A. R. Innes and J. E. Brown
1934 A. E. Farrell and H. A. Hill
1935 G. L. Davies and H. J. Castle
1936 A. E. Farrell and J. M. Andrews
1937 J. N. Galloway and C. Kemp
1938 N. Greenshields and A. F. McKirdy
1939 A. J. Watham and C. S. Cooper
1940 R. A. Gower and E. S. Clingskell
1941 W. B. Murray and H. M. Towell
1942 C. R. MacLennan and S. M. Solomon
1943 R. A. Gower and A. E. Farrell

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1944	A. E. Farrell and A. Hardwick
1945	M. J. Rosin and S. H. Wolfe
1946	R. F. Searle and H. W. Rabinson
1947	A. M. Kidd and R. Allen
1948	W. J. Frost and G. A. Zamek
1949	B. M. Davies and H. Rosseau
1950	R. Nelson and B. Johnstone
1951	W. Smith and S. Solomon
1952	W. W. Chatterton and J. Dunning
1953	E. Proctor and W. Smith
1954	S. H. Bowyer and H. M. Williamson

## MITCHELL CUP

*Presented by George Mitchell 1908*

1933	R. A. Gower	1944	A. E. Farrell
1934	A. E. Farrell	1945	G. A. Zamek
1935	A. E. Farrell	1946	A. L. Calderwood
1936	T. Forbes	1947	M. H. Webster
1937	J. K. Rhodes	1948	D. Mc L. Vinnecombe
1938	R. A. Gower	1949	H. Rousseau
1939	A. D. Lowrie	1950	R. Nelson
1940	J. Ellman Brown	1951	W. Smith
1941	J. L. Christie	1952	J. O. H. Iverson
1942	D. H. Ross	1953	J. C. Robinson
1943	A. Hardwick	1954	M. Harris

## WELCOME CUP

*Presented by "Anonymous"*

1931	N. Greenshields, J. H. Sly, O. V. Botton, F. R. Halsted
1932	T. E. Taylor, A. G. Davies, J. Crean, G. E. L. Straith
1933	R. A. Gower, H. J. Castle, J. E. Brown, J. M. Macdonald
1934	H. B. Dugmore, G. W. Hall, R. A. Gower, S. Gilbert
1935	B. N. Eckard, E. S. Clingskell, A. Sanders, T. H. Spring
1936	T. Forbes, S. Gilbert, J. Thompson, N. Greenshields
1937	R. Vincent, S. Gilbert, W. Baker, T. Joliffe
1938	H. J. Castle, H. G. Cooper, M. Harris, C. J. MacNaughton
1939	A. F. McKirdy, D. H. Ross, C. S. Cooper, J. Crossley
1940	H. G. Wilson, S. M. Solomon, A. T. Tait, J. Hopwood
1941	A. Nuttall, W. J. Armstrong, R. F. Halsted, B. Estcourt
1942	J. McPherson, W. W. Chatterton, A. V. Cock, G. R. McLennan
1943	W. J. Searles, J. H. Hopwood, W. Barker, A. Hardwick
1944	T. Forbes (Jnr.), B. C. Kippen, W. J. Armstrong, C. Harding
1945	H. J. Cook, A. H. Vincent, M. Rosen, H. J. N. Collis
1946	D. G. Kenmuir, R. S. Niven, B. Bloom, F. A. R. Congden
1947	S. M. Solomon, W. L. Carrington, D. M. Vinnecombe, W. H. Horwood
1948	G. A. Walker, W. J. Armstrong, F. W. Armstrong, M. Rosen
1949	T. Forbes (Jnr.), A. C. E. Nesbitt, M. Rosen, H. B. Tappenden
1950	J. C. Robinson, F. A. R. Congden, H. P. Tappenden, H. C. Spring
1951	W. H. Ayling, W. J. Frost, J. F. Chatterton, W. Smith
1952	W. M. Kerr, D. Duncanson, W. H. Compton, G. Y. Broome
1953	N. H. Crook, W. Munn, A. C. Fitzgerald, B. Jaffee
1954	H. Chai, J. B. Day, J. G. N. Hooper, H. Mendelstam

# HISTORY OF THE BULAWAYO GOLF CLUB

## MATABELELAND CHAMPIONSHIP "A"

*Cup presented by Haddon and Sly 1929*

1929	G. A. Veale	1942	D. H. Ross
1930	H. B. Dugmore	1943	D. H. Ross
1931	E. A. Aitken	1944	A. Boshoff
1932	A. E. Farrell	1945	L. E. Palmer
1933	S. R. Kirk	1946	A. E. Farrell
1934	H. B. Dugmore	1947	H. E. Brooks
1935	H. B. Dugmore	1948	D. A. Proctor
1936	A. F. McKirdy	1949	Ian Macaskill
1937	H. B. Dugmore	1950	D. A. Proctor
1938	H. B. Dugmore	1951	P. N. C. Donald
1939	A. T. Cragie	1952	A. Boshoff
1940	D. H. Ross	1953	D. A. Proctor
1941	R. F. M. Taylor	1954	K. E. Lynham

## MATABELELAND CHAMPIONSHIP "B"

*Trophy presented by P. J. Phillips 1938*

*Amateur Golf*

1937	R. W. Brown	1947	H. E. Davies
1938	T. E. Taylor	1948	{ A. F. Wright (Tie) A. L. Calderwood
1939	W. M. Chatterton	1949	B. G. Burt
1940	W. W. Chatterton	1950	B. Nell
1941	D. F. Mackenzie	1951	C. A. Tiffin
1942	N. G. Campbell	1952	W. H. Compton
1943	J. Greig	1953	G. Y. Broome
1944	W. T. Knowles	1954	A. G. Crowther
1945	A. S. Taylor		
1946	N. Greenshields		

## JACK ELLENBOGEN CUP

1937

### "B" Championship

*Played in conjunction with Club Championship*

1938	C. W. Landry	1947	H. W. Munro
1939	C. W. Hall	1948	B. J. Burt
1940	S. M. Solomon	1949	R. Nelson
1941	A. Keet	1950	J. Hooper
1942	A. Nuttall	1951	C. P. Forbes
1943	A. G. Campbell	1952	J. Hindle
1944	B. Viljoen	1953	W. Dickenson
1945	F. G. Sperling	1954	H. Kelly
1946	W. J. Frost		

# HISTORY OF THE BULAWAYO GOLF CLUB

## JOHN MACDONALD TROPHY

*Presented by John MacDonald 1930*

Inter-provincial teams of four

1931	Bulawayo	1943	No competition
1932	Bulawayo	1944	No competition
1933	Bulawayo	1945	No competition
1934	Bulawayo	1946	No competition
1935	Bulawayo	1947	Bulawayo
1936	Gwelo A	1948	No competition
1937	Gwelo A	1949	Bulawayo B
1938	Bulawayo	1950	No competition
1939	Bulawayo	1951	No competition
1940	Bulawayo	1952	No competition
1941	No competition	1953	No competition
1942	No competition	1954	Bulawayo A

## THE AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP OF RHODESIA

### GLADSTONE CUP

*Presented by Lord Gladstone 1912*

#### WINNERS OF PAST CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year	Place	Winner	Score
1912	Bulawayo	F. E. DUGMORE	167
1913	Salisbury	F. KNOTT	157
1914	Bulawayo	F. E. DUGMORE	155
1915—1918	WORLD WAR I		
1919	Livingstone	F. GORDON SMITH	150
1920	Umtali	T. O. MCPHERSON	167
1921	Salisbury	T. O. MCPHERSON	150
1922	Bulawayo	F. GORDON SMITH	153
1923	Livingstone	F. GORDON SMITH	148
1924	Umtali	ALEX SMITH	161
1925	Salisbury	T. O. MCPHERSON	148
1926	Bulawayo	P. R. MACGREGOR	157
1927	Livingstone	S. D. TIMSON	165
1928	Salisbury	W. COMPTON	160
1929	Salisbury	S. D. TIMSON	155
1930	Bulawayo	W. COMPTON	161
1931	Beira	G. J. HUMPHREY	160
1932	Salisbury	S. D. TIMSON	308
1933	Umtali	W. BEATTIE BROWN	336
1934	Gwelo	A. R. INNES	3 and 2
1935	Salisbury	T. V. DAVIDSON	1 up
1936	Bulawayo	H. B. DUGMORE	6 and 4
1937	Umtali	D. A. EDWARDS	2 up
1938	Livingstone	W. BEATTIE BROWN	2 up
1939	Gwelo	B. W. MYLES	—
1940—1945	WORLD WAR II		
1946	Royal Salisbury	L. E. PALMER	6 and 4
1947	Henry Chapman	C. C. W. INGHAM	305
1948	Nchanga	K. M. TRELOAR	292

# HISTORY OF THE BULAWAYO GOLF CLUB

Year	Place	Winner	Score
1949	Umtali	J. R. BOYD	295
1950	Royal Salisbury	A. D. BOSHOFF	8 and 7
1951	Nchanga	K. M. TRELOAR	—
1952	Umtali	E. LEWIS	—
1953	Bulawayo	G. H. MELVILL	—
1954	Henry Chapman	CORDUKES	—

## BULAWAYO GOLF CLUB

### CAPTAINS

1895	R. S. Egerton	1925	A. H. Ayres
1896	J. E. Scott	1926	H. Chapman
1897	W. Forbes	1927/9	V. Swales
1898	F. C. Dugmore	1930	J. H. Ayling
1899/1	C. G. Ward	1931	J. S. Dunbar
1902	H. B. Douslin	1932	A. Gardner
1903	B. K. Ward	1933	A. Colborne
1904	H. B. Healey	1934	J. Ellman Brown
1905	C. H. Garthwaite	1935	R. F. Halsted
1906	C. W. Cosnet	1936	A. F. McKirdy
1907	G. Johnson	1937	S. Gilbert
1908	A. U. Ritchie	1938	A. D. Campbell
1909	L. P. Ashburnham	1939	A. E. Farrell
1910	D. McIntosh	1940	S. J. Sauerma
1911	J. Macdonald	1941	R. A. Gower
1912	J. Shiel	1942	T. E. Taylor
1913	J. Macdonald	1943	J. K. Rhodes
1914	H. Chapman	1944	E. O. Munn
1915	J. Macdonald	1945	W. W. Chatterton
1916	B. K. Ward	1946	W. L. Carrington
1917/8	H. Chapman	1947/9	W. B. Murray
1919	G. Young	1950	F. Bryce Hendrie
1920	J. Ellman Brown	1951	D. M. Vinnicombe
1921	S. M. Symons	1952	W. J. Frost
1922	H. Chapman	1953	S. H. Bowyer
1923	G. Johnson	1954	S. H. Bowyer
1924	B. K. Ward		

### SECRETARIES

1896-99	B. K. Ward	1921	H. B. Dawson
1900	A. D. Fradgley	1922-26	W. A. Barnes
1901	B. K. Ward	1927-28	H. Radford
1902	D. McIntosh	1929-30	E. H. Hartley
1903-04	F. G. Brooks	1931-32	A. H. Hill
1905	B. K. Ward	1933-35	C. F. Molyneux
1906-07	F. C. Dugmore	1936-37	V. D. Browne
1908	W. W. Jenkins	1938	H. V. Pugh
1909	M. J. de Koch	1939-43	G. U. Baird
1910-11	R. F. Thomson	1944	D. H. Ross
1912	A. L. Oak	1945	C. W. L. Barnes
1913-19	A. H. Hill	1946-52	W. Fowler
1920	Gus Eckard		